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Parents' National Educational Union Report.

In view of the nation's need the Committee have not considered it right to use the paper and labour incidental to issuing a separate Report, and have accepted the Editor's offer to print an abridged report in the pages of the "Parents' Review."

They, therefore, rely on each member and reader of the "Review" to spread the knowledge of their work—a work never more needed than at the present time. They have been much encouraged by the number of fresh people who are interested in the work of the Union and of the Parents' Union School, and this has led them not to omit their Annual Conference, which will be held in Bedford College, London, on the 4th, 5th and 6th July. Important thinkers and speakers have promised to take part in the proceedings, which will deal with "The Making of To-morrow." Here also the Committee have decided to rely on the co-operation of their members in making the Conference known and not to spend energy and money on circulars and advertisement.

Programme and full details will be procurable from the Office, 26, Victoria Street, S.W., and it is hoped that a large audience of members and friends will avail themselves of the hospitality offered them by the Council of Bedford College in putting their beautiful rooms and grounds at the disposal of the Union.

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PARENTS' NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL UNION.

THE second year of the war finds the Parents' National Educational Union with energies unimpaired, quietly prosecuting its work of spreading ideas and giving help and inspiration to parents in the task of training and educating their children. This work, never more needed than in these troublous and preoccupied days, has gone on quickly and steadily. In addition there has been special war work. Mrs. Clement Parson's admirably organised scheme of help given by the members of the Union to children suffering from the war has been most successful, and proved of untold use and help. Temporary homes have been found, educational facilities and holiday hospitality generously given, whilst at Christmas, 1,100 parcels and letters were sent by children of the Union to the children of soldiers and sailors, which occasioned an interchange of letters which gave mutual pleasure. A War Relief Fund was started to meet immediate necessities in connection with Mrs. Clement Parsons' scheme of help, and has provided train fares, outfits, etc., for children to whom prompt help meant everything. This Fund is diminishing—not so the calls upon it—will any kind member help? Half-a-crown or any small sum sent to

Mrs. Clement Parsons,
17, Blomfield Road,
Maida Hill, W.

with an addressed postcard for acknowledgment would be gratefully received, so would children's garments, especially boys' clothes.

The report of The Parents' Union School proves the serious and searching way in which the examination is conducted, and the absolute frankness of the criticism; no words can say how

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invaluable is this system of work arranged each term for home schoolrooms, with examination papers sent and answers judged, thus enabling home teachers to estimate the comparative standard attained by their pupils. The report is in the March PARENTS' REVIEW, where will also be found an interesting account of a Council School which has adopted the Parents' Union School curriculum with excellent results.

The House of Education at Ambleside continues its good work, and realising how essential it is that the supply of trained teachers should not fall off, Miss Mason has most generously decided to lower the fees to £75 per annum for the duration of the war. The inspector's report of work done in 1915 (given in the February PARENTS' REVIEW) testifies to the peculiar scope and value of the training given, and of the admirable way in which the students respond to it.

In the PARENTS' REVIEW, interesting articles on the war, from the pen of thoughtful and authoritative writers, have appeared almost monthly. Many of us have found the two articles by the Rev. W. H. Findlay* wonderfully consoling and uplifting.

Conference.—For an account of last year's Conference, members who were not privileged to be present must turn to the August number of the "Parents' Review," where they will find a full report of Miss Mason's two papers on "A Liberal Education," and "The Parents' Union School," respectively, and of addresses by Miss Julian (Education and the War), Miss Zoe Fairfield (Building a Better World), Rev. Canon Masterman (Children and the War), and Professor Caroline Spurgeon (The Privilege of Living in War Time). These papers and addresses were listened to with deep interest and attention, and were productive of animated and helpful discussion. An account is also given of the classes held during the Conference for children of the P.U.S., conducted by ex-students of the House of Education. These demonstrations and lessons were largely attended and evidently caused lively interest. Speeches by Mrs. Franklin (from the chair), Mr. Cloudesley Brereton and Sir James Yoxall at the Annual Meeting are also reported in the August number of the PARENTS' REVIEW.

Branches.—The Bromley and Rochdale Branches have

*"The Mind of Christ concerning War." "The Waste of Young Life." See the P.R. for February and April.

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lapsed, others have remained inactive during the year, but twenty-three have held their usual series of lectures. The subject matter, true to its P.N.E.U. origin, extended over a wide field.

The Library continues to be much used, though many members do not perhaps fully realise their opportunities in this respect.

Executive Committee.—Mrs. Fyfe has been co-opted as a member of the Executive Committee. The Hon. Mrs. Schomberg Byng and Mr. Wilfred Mark Webb have resigned.

Obituary.—The Council has lost a valued member by the death of the Rev. W. Hulton Keeling, LL.D., for 44 years Headmaster of the Bradford Grammar School.

> The race of great Head Masters, as distinguished from competent but rather colourless men, received few recruits in the prosaic age that has been shattered—and, we may hope, purged—by the war. But unquestionably the personality of Dr. Keeling, the late Head Master of Bradford Grammar School, will not soon be forgotten. His success at Bradford in turning out winners of University scholarships was extraordinary. He took over the charge of the School in 1871, shortly after the Endowed Schools Commissioners had worked their will upon it, and he started with twenty-five boys. In ten years he had raised the numbers to three hundred; and the present strength is now more than six hundred.—*The Guardian.*
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> Much of his success lay in his power of delegating work which, whether by reason of distaste or lack of leisure, he could not properly discharge himself. But the real secret was that intangible thing which we call personality. He chose his colleagues well; he knew when to be severe; he had sufficient ready wit to make rash youths beware how they provoked it; and withal he was the centre of a thoroughly charming home life, only possible to a lovable and conscientious man. He was a great headmaster; though not himself a great teacher, he inspired fine work, without its being easy to say just exactly how he did it.

The above cutting from *The Guardian* is a gratifying if inadequate testimony to one of the earliest friends of the P.N.E.U. Dr. and Mrs. Keeling worked on the first Committee while the Union was still a local society, and our first public meeting was held by his invitation in the Central Hall of Bradford Grammar School. More than once Dr. Keeling went up to London to attend Council Meetings of the P.N.E.U., and in this and other ways gave most valuable support to the Union.

We have also lost this year, in Mrs. Boyd Carpenter, one of the earliest and most valued supporters of the P.N.E.U., whose

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inspiring lectures were listened to earnestly and with much profit. Mrs. Carpenter was ever ready with sympathy and valuable advice during the anxious early years of the Union.

Office News.—The number of incoming letters this year has been 11,634, a decrease of 246. The number of outgoing letters has been 20,470, a decrease of 6,631. The number of parcels sent out has been 3,703, shewing an increase of 560, and "Parents' Reviews" sent out, 18,869, a decrease of 1,240. There have been 789 callers at the office, an increase of 12, and 1,042 trade calls, an increase of 1.

The following books and pamphlets are for sale at the Office:—

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"Early Manhood," by Right Hon. The Earl of Lytton. Price 3d.

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"The Home Training of Children," by the Hon. Mrs. Franklin, Hon. Organising Sec. of the P.N.E.U. Price 3d.

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"Thought Turning as a Factor in the Training of Character and Talk to Nurses," by Helen Webb, M.B. Price 6d.

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Nature Note Books, in linen covers, plain or interleaved, foolscap 1s. 6d.; postage, 5d.

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Number of Members, 168.

List of Lectures and Meetings:—

November 29th, 1915.—"*The Discipline of Children.*"
A Discussion led by three members asked beforehand.

February 1st, 1916.—"*The Training of the Will in Early Childhood.*"
Mrs. Mumford.

February 23rd, 1916.—"Nursery Hygiene" (with lantern slides).
Dr. W. A. Potts.

March 21st, 1916.—"Dangers and Safeguards for Boys."
F. Arthur Sibly, M.A., LL.D.

BROMLEY BRANCH.

This Branch has lapsed for the present, but it is hoped that it may be revived later. Meanwhile, the members have been transferred to the London Branch. All information may be had from Mrs. Sommerville Sneyd, South Hill Park, Bromley.

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No meetings held.

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CROYDON BRANCH.

The Committee have resolved to suspend further proceedings for the duration of the war; after which a General Meeting will be held to consider further action.

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Number of Members, 62.

List of Lectures and Meetings:—

October 22nd, 1915.—"Authority and Freedom." Mrs. Briarley.

November 26th, 1915.—"Starting a Montessori School in Darlington."
Miss Tasker.

December 11th, 1915.—"Ideals in Musical Education."
Dr. Yorke Trotter.

January 25th, 1916.—"Colour and Design in Needlework."
Miss M. Swanson.

February 29th, 1916.—"Thrift in War Time."
Mrs. Beatrice Lyall.

March 28th, 1916.—"School Training in an Age of Machinery."
Miss Hawtrey.

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Number of Members, 107.

List of Lectures and Meetings:—

March 16th, 1915.—The Rev. Geoffrey Fisher, M.A., Headmaster of Repton, lectured on "The Athlete at Public Schools."

April.—An Architectural Expedition was made by Members and their children to Dale Abbey. Mr. C. Thompson kindly conducted the party, and explained the Ruins.

September 8th, 1915.—A Nature Hunt for Parents and Children, at Dovedale, conducted by Miss Rosamund Robotham (Student of House of Education, Ambleside).

October 21st, 1915.—A Demonstration Bible Lesson, given to children of 5 and 6 years, by Miss K. M. Robotham (ex-Student, House of Education, Ambleside). Chairman, Mrs. Abraham.

December 29th, 1915.—A Lantern Lecture, "Spiders and their Ways," given by Mrs. Douglas Wilson, of London. Chairman, The Ven. the Archdeacon of Derby.

February 10th, 1916.—Annual Meeting. "Children and the War" Hon. Mrs. Franklin.

March 20th, 1916.—"The Importance of Physical Exercises and Games for Children." Demonstrated by a group of 17 students. Miss Lane, Drill Mistress, Diocesan Training College, Derby.

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Number of Members, 41.

List of Lectures and Meetings:—

October 20th, 1915.—"Aims of the P.N.E.U." Miss Parish.

It is hoped that the meetings, and lectures, will be continued next Autumn and Winter.

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Number of Members, 25.

List of Lectures and Meetings:—

November 1st, 1915.—"Economy in War Time." Mrs. Clare Goslett.

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Number of Members, 110.

List of Lectures and Meetings:—

April 16th, 1915.—"Wise and Unwise Economy." Mrs. Somerville, Sir Wm. Haldane.

December 8th, 1915.—"Careers for Girls as affected by War." Mrs. Creighton.

January 19th, 1916.—"How the other Children Live." Mr. Freeland Barbour.

February 17th, 1916.—"Poland" Mr. Edward Gardiner.

March 14th, 1916.—"Problems of South-East Europe." Miss M. I. Newbigin, D.Sc.

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No meetings held.

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Number of Members, 50.

List of Lectures and Meetings:—

March 9th, 1915.—"Education and Life." Rabbi Mattuck.
October 28th, 1915.—"Principles and Work of the P.N.E.U." Miss Parish.
November 16th, 1915.—"A Method of Relaxation as an Aid to Development." Miss Chaplin.
December 14th, 1915.—"Child Poetry." Mr. Maurice Myers.
January 17th, 1916.—(Holiday Lecture). "How to Listen to Music." Mr. Stewart Macpherson, F.R.A.M.
February 15th, 1916.—"The Teaching of History to Children." Rev. Canon Masterman.
March 22nd, 1916.—"Advantages and Perils of a Literary Atmosphere for Children." Rev. Dr. Horton.

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Number of Members, 28.

List of Lectures and Meetings:—

October 18th, 1915.—Public Lecture on "Some Experiences of Indian Education." Professor Arthur Smithells, F.R.S., Leeds University.
November 11th, 1915.—"The Duty of the Instructed Mother to the Uninstructed." B. Broadbent, Esq., M.A., J.P.
December 1st, 1915.—Discussion on Canon Lyttelton's book, "The Cornerstone of Education." Opened by Mrs. Henry Glaisyer.
January 12th, 1916.—"Life Underground: the Story of the Mole" (for children). Miss Simpson, Leeds University.
February 10th, 1916.—"School Boys and Social Ideals." A. Devine, Esq., Headmaster, Clayesmore School.
March 9th, 1916.—"The Training of Common-Sense in Children." Miss Silcox, Headmistress, Thoresby High School, Leeds.

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HULL BRANCH.

President: Lady Nunburnholme.

Committee:

Mr. and Mrs. Priestley Cooper.
Rev. J. Cholmeley.
Miss Fergusson.
Mr. and Mrs. Fitton.
Mr. C. H. Gore.
Mrs. Harris.
Mr. H. P. Hole.
Mrs. Hole.
Mrs. Jarman.
Mrs. Martin.
Mrs. Walton.
Mr. Witty.

Hon. Secretaries:
Mrs. Priestley Cooper, North Ferriby; Mrs. Hole, Hessle, East Yorks.

Hon. Treasurer: Priestley Cooper, Esq., North Ferriby.

Number of Members (counted by subscription), 38.

List of Lectures and Meetings:—

November 8th, 1915.—"Naughty Children." Sharwood Smith, Esq.
December 6th, 1915.—"General Training in Sound Judgment." Miss Cumberbirch.
January 5th, 1916.—"Children and the War." C. H. Gore, M.A.
February 7th, 1916.—"Story Telling." Miss Clark.

Mrs. Hole organised two meetings during the session to introduce the work of the Union to strangers, one in the summer at Hessle, and one in December, by kind invitation of Miss Ferraby, Grosvenor House, Hull.

LEEDS BRANCH.

President: Mrs. Bickersteth.

Vice-Presidents:

The Lady Airedale.
The Rev. W. H. Draper.
The Rev. J. R. Wynne-Edwards.
Mrs. Wicksteed.

Committee:

Mrs. G. Bray.
Mrs. Harding Churton.
Miss Scotson Clark.
Mrs. Gordon.
Miss Harland.
Mrs. Sydney Kitson.
Miss Lowe.
Mrs. Mayo.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Capper Johnson, Roundhay.

Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. G. Arnold, Moortown.

Branch Representative: Mrs. Wicksteed, Weetwood.

Number of Members, 140.

No meetings held.

LIVERPOOL BRANCH.

Committee:

Sir Alfred Booth.
Lady Booth.
Mrs. Bosanquet.
Professor Campagnac.
Mrs. James.
Mrs. A. T. Miller.
Mrs. Raw.

Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer:
Miss Rhys, The Belvedere School, Princes Park, Liverpool.

Number of Members, 27.

No meetings held.

VICTORIA SETTLEMENT BRANCH, LIVERPOOL.

President: Lady Dale.

Vice-President: Miss Macadam.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Welsh, 55, Melbourne Street.

Hon. Treasurer:
Miss Pearson, Victoria Settlement, 294, Netherfield Road, N.

Number of Members, 40.

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List of Lectures and Meetings :— — ROXBY, ESQ.

March 25th, 1915.—China.

Nursing.

October 21st, 1915.—Personal and Family Hygiene. Miss POWELL.

November 18th, 1915.—Bed-making and Changing, Lifting, Washing—the Prevention of Bed Sores. Miss POWELL.

December 16th, 1915.—Infection and Disinfection. Common Complaints of Sick Children. Miss POWELL.

January 20th, 1916.—The Clinical Thermometer, Poultices and Fomentations. Miss POWELL.

February 17th, 1916.—Signs, symptoms, and treatment of fractures, dislocations, sprains, strains. Miss POWELL.

March 16th, 1916.—Simple accidents and emergencies, with remedies. Miss POWELL.

The above Lectures were given, by special request, as the members wanted some practical knowledge of simple nursing.

LONDON BRANCH.

Presidents :

The Most Honourable The MARQUESS AND MARCHIONESS OF ABERDEEN AND TEMAIR.

Committee :

The Rev. H. N. BATE.
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Mrs. BEECHENO.
Mrs. PERCY BIGLAND.
Lady CAMPBELL.
Lady FITZROY.
The Hon. Mrs. FRANKLIN.
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Mrs. PRINGLE.
Mrs. WHITAKER THOMPSON.
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Mrs. FABIAN WARE.
Mrs. JOHN VERITY.
Mrs. WEIR.

Hon. Secretary : Mrs. FYFE, 34, King Street, Chester.

Hon. Treasurer : Miss PARISH, 26, Victoria Street, S.W.

Branch Representative : Mrs. WHITAKER THOMPSON, 24, Argyll Road, W.

Number of Members, 279.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

March 5th, 1915.—"The Mother's Opportunities with the Child." Mrs. CLARE GOSLETT.

October 27th, 1915.—"Household Expenditure in War Time." Dr. MARION VAUGHAN.

November 16th, 1915.—"A Method of Relaxation as an Aid to Development." Miss CHAPLIN.

December 14th, 1915.—"A Visit to a Council School Working on P.N.E.U. Lines." Miss PARISH.

January 12th, 1916.—"Fighting in Flanders and Gallipoli." Sir EDWARD PARROTT, M.A., L.L.D.

February 8th, 1916.—"Toymaking." Miss RUBY POLKINGHORNE.

March 13th, 1916.—"Social and Economic Subjects in the Education of Boys and Girls." Professor URWICK, M.A.

March 30th, 1916.—"Authority and Freedom." Mr. HOMER LANE.

Lectures given in connection with the Conference of Educational Associations.

January 6th, 1916.—"Mrs. Ewing, the Children's Writer, reviewed in the Light of Present Educational Ideas." Mrs. CLEMENT PARSONS.

"The Educational Outlook." Mr. A. E. ZIMMERN, M.A.

This Branch is affiliated to the Selborne Society, and tickets for the lectures can be had on application to the Hon. Secretary.

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LOUGHTON AND BUCKHURST HILL BRANCH.

President : Mrs. DAVID HOWARD.

Vice-President : Mrs. MOLLER.

Committee :

Mrs. CROSSMAN.
Mrs. DIETRICHSEN.
Miss GARDNER.
Mrs. PLAYNE.

Hon. Secretary : Mrs. F. LEWIS, Killean, Buckhurst Hill.

Hon. Treasurer : Miss GALLETLY, The Daiglen, Buckhurst Hill.

Branch Representative : Mrs. F. LEWIS.

Number of Members, 40.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

March 3rd, 1915.—"Sports and Games in Relation to School Life." C. SPENCER HAYWARD, ESQ.

October 13th, 1915.—"Loss of Sympathy between Parents and Children." Mr. OLIVE.

November 10th, 1915.—"Religious Education of Elder Children." Rev. R. K. DAVIES.

December 1st, 1915.—"Children and the War." Miss L. STEVENSON.

February 2nd, 1916.—"Child Life." Rev. J. EYNON DAVIES.

March 1st, 1916—"The Advantages of a Classical Education for Girls." Miss C. JEBB.

MAIDSTONE AND MID-KENT BRANCH.

President : Mrs. C. H. STYLE.

Vice-President : Mrs. HENRY LUSHINGTON.

Committee :

Mrs. ARTHUR DAVISON.
The Rev. R. GRIFFITHS.
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Miss PENNETHORNE.
The Hon. Mrs. WILD.

Hon. Secretary :

Mrs. C. H. STYLE (acting), Crouch House, Boro' Green, Kent.

Hon. Treasurer : Mrs. SYDNEY SMITH, Howard, Maidstone.

Number of Members, 30.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

April 14th, 1915.—"Stories of Patriots and Heroes." Miss CLARK.

July 24th, 1915.—"Bible Lessons to Children." Miss WIX.

January 17th, 1916.—"The Appreciation of Brahms." Mrs. STANSFIELD PRIOR.

MIDDLESBROUGH BRANCH.

President : Lady BELL.

Vice-Presidents :

Mrs. DORMAN.
W. EDWARDS, Esq.
Mrs. GJERS.
Mrs. HEDLEY.
Rev. Canon LAWSON.
Rev. H. SAMUEL.
Miss SHEPHERD.
Mrs. ILLTYD WILLIAMS.

Committee :

Mrs. O. COCHRANE.
Mrs. DICKIE.
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Mr. FOTHERGILL.
Mrs. HOWAT.
Mrs. HOWELL.
Mr. LONGBOTHAM.
Mrs. RICHARDSON.
Mr. F. P. WILSON.

Hon. Secretary : Mrs. F. P. WILSON, Parkhurst.

Number of Members, 42.

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List of Lectures and Meetings :—

March 16th, 1915.—"Nature and the Curriculum." Miss Ross, N.F.U.

October 29th, 1915.—"The Work of an Education Committee" Miss Margaret Law.

November 26th, 1915.—"Raymond Duncan's System of Greek Rhythmic Movements," with Illustrations. Miss Rose Benton.

December 8th, 1915.—"Medical Training for Women." Dr. Georgina Malden.

January 18th, 1916.—"Jane Austen." Rev. J. L. Barkway.

February 17th, 1916.—"Animals and Children." Mrs. Richardson.

March 15th, 1916.—"Elementary Schools and the Parents' Union School." Miss Parish.

NORTHWOOD BRANCH.

President : Mrs. Schultz.

Vice-Presidents :

Miss Rowland Brown. Miss White.

Committee :

Miss Baumer. Mrs. Newth.
Mrs. Bird. Mrs. Perry.
Mrs. Chadwick. Mrs. Vaughan Smith.
Mrs. Norman Dickson. Mrs. Shiell.
Mrs. Gilbey. Mrs. Terry.
Mrs. Newland. Mrs. de Winton.

Hon. Secretaries :

Mrs. Hopwood, "Ingledene," and Mrs. Felgate, "Briardene."

Hon. Treasurer : Mrs. Wright, Greycote.

Branch Representative : Mrs. Felgate, Briardene.

Number of Members, 32.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

October 5th, 1915.—"Ideals of Education in England and Germany." Rev. W. Temple.

November 11th, 1915.—"Children and the War." Mrs. Creighton.

December 7th, 1915.—"Medicine a Profession for Women." Dr. Mary Scharlieb.

January 26th, 1916.—"The Little Commonwealth." Cecil M. Chapman, Esq.

February 23rd, 1916.—"Mothercraft." Dr. Eric Pritchard.

March 28th, 1916.—"Discipline in the Home." Mrs. Townsend.

OXTED AND LIMPSFIELD BRANCH.

President : Mrs. Swinburne.

Committee :

Mrs. Clay. Mrs. Keen.
Lady Hankey. Mrs. Payne.
Mrs. Swinburne.

Hon. Secretary : Mrs. Payne, Broadham Manor, Oxted.

Hon. Treasurer : Lady Hankey, Highstead, Limpsfield.

Branch Representative : Lady Hankey, Highstead, Limpsfield.

Number of Members, 41.

No Meetings were held.

PLYMOUTH BRANCH.

President : Rev. Preb. Ponsonby.

Vice-President : Mrs. Ponsonby.

Hon. Secretary : Miss Raymond, S. Michael's Lodge, Devonport.

Number of Members, 17.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

November 18th, 1915.—"Eurhythmics." Miss Marshall.

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READING.

President : Rev. Canon Trotter.

Committee :

Miss Ashcroft. Mrs. Seaby.
Mrs. H. S. Cooke. Miss Stevenson.
Dr. Sydney Gilford. Mr. Frank Winter.
Mr. Dryland Haslam, Jr. Mr. F. H. Wright.
Miss Musson.

Hon. Secretary : Miss L. Ashcroft, 37, Kendrick Road, Reading.

Number of Members, 34.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

September 28th, 1915.—"Children and the War" (Discussion). Opened by L. Ashcroft.

November 25th, 1915.—"Housekeeping in War Time." Miss Morse (N.F.E.L.)

December 2nd, 1915 (Annual Meeting).—"Temperance Teaching to Children." Rev. G. A. Thompson.

December 16th, 1915.—"Early Training of Children in Habit." Miss Parish.

Branch decided to hold no further Meetings for the present.

REIGATE, REDHILL AND DISTRICT BRANCH.

President : G. W. Rundall, Esq., M.A.

Vice-Presidents :

Rev. W. Earle, M.A. F. E. Lemon, Esq, M.A.
Mrs. Latham. F. S. Orme, Esq., M.A.
H. Sewell, Esq., M.R.C.S.

Committee :

Miss Cooper. Mrs. Saunders.
Mrs. Hall. Mrs. Scrutton.
Mrs. Halsted. Mrs. Seth-Smith.
Mrs. Hoare. Mrs. Sewill.
Mrs. Rundall. Mrs. Slater.
Mrs. Uloth.

Hon. Secretary : Mrs. Butler, Candahar, Reigate.

Hon. Treasurer : F. S. Orme, Esq., The School House, Reigate.

Branch Representative : The Rev. Walter Earle, Redgate House, Reigate.

Number of Members, 53.

List of Lectures and Meetings :—

March 22nd, 1915.—"The Teaching of History." G. W. Rundall, Esq., M.A

October 11th, 1915.—"Folk Song and Nursery Rhymes," with Musical Illustration. Mrs. Edwin Hall.

November 11th, 1915.—" The Mother's Opportunity with the Child." Mrs. Clare Goslett.

December 8th, 1915.—"A Classical Education." C. D. Olive, Esq., M.A.

January 8th, 1916.—"Poetry and War." Sir Herbert Warren, K.C.V.O., D.C.L., President of Magdalene College, Oxford, and Professor of Poetry.

February 16th, 1916.—"The War and the Teaching of Our Children." Rev. Canon Masterman, M.A.

March 8th, 1916.—"Practical Training for Young People after the War." F. S. Orme, Esq., M.A.

SHREWSBURY BRANCH.

President : Lady Stokes.

Committee :

Mrs. Russ Wood. Mrs. Thornycroft.
Lady Stokes. Mrs. Thursby-Pelham.
Miss Ward.

Hon. Secretary : Miss Ward, 27, St. John's Hill.

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Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. Thornycroft, Upper Berwick.

Number of Members, 19.

List of Lectures and Meetings:—

March 27th, 1915.—"Dalcroze Method." Mrs. Ingham.
June 11th, 1915.—"Character and the War." Mr. Blathwayt.
October 12th, 1915.—"Children's Eyesight." Dr. Russ Wood.
November 23rd, 1915.—"Stories." Miss Clark.
March 3rd, 1916.—Paper (by Miss Isabel Marris) read by Lady Stokes, on "The Everyday Training of Children."

SURBITON BRANCH.

President: Mrs. Zimmern.

Vice-Presidents:

Rev. Canon Hasloch-Potter. Dr. R. N. Goodman.
Mr. V. C. H. Millard, M.A.

Committee:

Mrs. E. R. Cobb. Mrs. Letchworth.
Mrs. Denny. Mrs. Pain.
Mrs. Dickson. Miss Procter.
Mrs. Horner. Mrs. Unwin.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Alex. M. Johnson, Waveney, Ditton Hill, Surbiton.

Number of Members, 50.

List of Lectures and Meetings:—

October 22nd, 1915.—"The Educational Outlook." Mr. A. E. Zimmern.
November 16th, 1915.—"Training the Historical Sense in Children." Hon. Mrs. Franklin.
December 7th, 1915.—"Careers for Girls." Mrs. E. L. Courtney.
February 7th, 1916.—"Physical Training for Girls." Mrs. Clare Goslett.
March 6th, 1916.—"Musical Appreciation." Miss Nellie Holland.

WEST HERTS BRANCH.

President: Mrs. Hext.

Committee:

Lady Birkbeck. Mrs. Moses.
Mrs. C. H. Greene. Mrs. Mitchell Innes.
Mrs. Houseman. Mrs. Pearson.

Hon. Secretary: Miss Capstick, Heath Lodge, Hemel Hempstead.
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. G. H. Woodman, Fernville, Hemel Hempstead.

Number of Members, 27.

List of Lectures and Meetings:—

March 9th, 1915.—"British Birds." J. Hastings, Esq., F.Z,S,
October 13th, 1915.—"How to Prepare Boys for School Life." C. H. Greene, Esq.
November 10th, 1915.—"The Teaching of Music." Miss Line, Medalist.
December 8th, 1915.—"Sympathy with our Girls." Miss Soulsby.
February 9th, 1916.—"The Importance of the Development of Nervous Stability in Children." Paper by Dr. Helen Webb, read by Miss Mear-Walters.
March 8th, 1916.—"The Building of a Better Land." Signorina Lunati.

WEYBRIDGE BRANCH.

Committee:

Mrs. Butler. Dr. Elizabeth Dawes.
Mrs. Howard Brooks. Mrs. Fuller.
Rev. Spencer Buller. Dr. Eric Gardner.
Mrs. Cameron. Mrs. Henderson.
Mr. Drury Wake.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Chillcott, Huntspill, Weybridge.
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. Oswald Sissons, The Chilterns, Weybridge.

Number of Members, 46.

No meetings held.

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WOODFORD AND WANSTEAD BRANCH.

President: The Rev. Canon Corbett.
Vice-President: Lady Hamilton.

Committee:

Mrs. Dewhurst. Mrs. Stevens.
Miss Freeman. Mrs. Walters.
Mrs. Guy.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. C. E. Baker, Elm Cottage, Snaresbrook.
Hon. Treasurer: Mrs. F. Hammond Clark, Niton, Red Bridge Lane, Wanstead.

Number of Members, 35.

List of Lectures and Meetings:—

November 11th, 1915.—"After-War Demands in Education." Rev. H. Dewhurst.
November 25th, 1915.—"Why to Save and How." Mrs. Hayter, B.A.
December 16th, 1915.—"Elements of Patriotism." Signorina Lunati.
January 13th, 1916.—"Stories of Patriots and Heroes." Miss Elizabeth Clark.

AUSTRALIA.

VICTORIA BRANCH.

President: J. T. Collins, Esq., M.A., LL.B.

Vice-Presidents:

Wilfred Kent Hughes, Esq., M.B., M.R.C.S. Hon. George Swinburne.
Frank Tate, Esq., M.A.
Professor T. G. Tucker, M.A., Litt.D.

Committee:

D. Avery, Esq., M.Sc. Miss Henderson.
Mrs. E. Bage. Mrs. A. Joske.
Miss Chambers. Mrs. W. S. Laurie.
Mrs. J. T. Collins. Mrs. George Swinburne.
A. W. Craig, Esq., M.A. Mrs. Sproule.
Mrs. E. E. Dillon. J. McKellar Stewart, Esq., M.A., Ph.D.
Mrs. J. Gibson.
Mrs. Kent Hughes.

Hon Lecture Secretary:

Mrs. M. M. Phillips, Larnoo, Munro Street, Armadale, Melbourne.

Hon. General Secretary and Treasurer:

Mrs. D. Avery, 387, Barker's Road, East Kew, Melbourne.

Number of Members, 55.

List of Lectures and Meetings:—

April 28th, 1915.—"Montessori Methods." Mr. James McRae, M.A.
June 25th, 1915.—"Education of Young Children." Miss E. Pye.
July 23rd, 1915.—"The Attitude of the Secondary Schools towards the New Scheme of University Examination and Inspection." Mr. L. A. Adamson, M.A.

In a comparatively small community such as ours it has been found impossible, owing to a variety of causes mainly connected with the war, to hold meetings as frequently as was hoped. Though the number of financial members is smaller than last year, there is no doubt that it will be considerably increased after the first meeting in 1916.

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The Parents' National Educational Union, Central Office Accounts

BALANCE SHEET 31st, DECEMBER, 1915.

LIABILITIES.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Sundry Creditors		42 2 9
,, Sundry Reserves		117 12 10
,, General Revenue Account Balance, Jan. 1st, 1912...	939 17 0	
,, Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year to date	162 5 8	
		1102 2 8
		£1261 18 3

ASSETS.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
By Sundry Debtors—		
Parents' Review		87 1 10
,, House of Education Students' Fees Outstanding ...		81 10 0
,, Books Account, Stock as certified by Sec.	178 3 2	
,, Debtors as per List ...	118 0 1	
		296 3 3
,, Cash at Bank	782 17 0	
,, Cash in Hand	14 6 2	
		797 3 2
		£1261 18 3

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REVENUE ACCOUNT, 1st JANUARY, to 31st DECEMBER, 1915.

EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.
To Rent, Gas, Coals, Salaries, &c. ...	595 3 2
,, Printing and Stationery	91 18 1½
,, Postages and Parcels	59 13 9½
,, Office Expenses, &c.	19 15 0
,, Subscriptions paid out	3 4 6
,, Balance, being excess of Income over Expenditure for the year, transferred to General Revenue Account	162 5 8
	£932 0 1

INCOME.	£ s. d.
By Travelling Expenses Refunded ...	2 15 0
,, By Meetings	5 16 5
,, Members' Subscriptions	217 7 11
,, Donations	19 9 0
,, Capitation Fees	32 2 10
*,, House of Education Students' Fees ...	64 10 6
,, Literature	9 3 8
,, Books	332 11 5
,, *Parents' Review*	217 15 9
,, Parents' Union School Fees Commission	17 17 0
,, Lecture Fees	2 2 0
,, Deposit Interest	16 8 1
	£932 0 1

We have examined the foregoing Accounts with the Books and Vouchers of the Parents' National Educational Union, and are of opinion that they are properly drawn up, so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Union's affairs, according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shewn by the Books.

BEAVIS, WALKER & CO.,
Chartered Accountants.

53, New Broad Street, London, E.C.
5th April, 1916.

*For Life Membership of P.N.E.U.

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OUR WORK.

HOUSE OF EDUCATION.

House of Education (to old Students).—Will the Students who think of using the hospitality of Fairfield this summer be good enough to write to the Secretary, Scale How, *before* June 15th.

Students' Preparation Class.—It has been decided to open a Students' Preparation Class for girls of 17 who wish to begin the training at 18. Teaching will be given by members of the College Staff, and special attention will be given to French, Music, and Latin. Fees, £20 a term. There will possibly be one vacancy.

Parents' Union School.—Erratum, Form V. Scott Elliott's *Nature Studies,* pages 71-129 should read 1-55.

†*Register of Schools, some or all classes of which work in the Parents' Union School, and are tested by the P.U.S. Examinations* :—

Principal.	School.	Girls or Boys.	Forms Working in P.U.S.
*The Misses Armitage	College Hill, Haslemere	Girls	I, II, III, & IV.
Miss Beck	Fridham, Heacham, King's Lynn	Girls	II, III, IV & V.
Miss Birtwhistle	131, Sloane Street, S.W.	Girls	I, II and III.
Miss Burman	35, St. Leonard's Terrace Chelsea	Boys	IB and II.
Miss Capstick	Heath Lodge, Boxmoor	Girls and boys	IB, IA. and II.
J. W. Clouston, Esq.	Semer House School, Stratton Park, Biggleswade	Boys	IA and II.
The Misses Edkins	Grange School, 23, Hanger Lane, Ealing	Girls	I and II.
*Miss Laura Faunce * and Miss Marjorie Evans	27, Craven Road, Hyde Park, W.	Girls and small boys	I, II, III, IV & V.
Miss Fraser	Lyddon Villa School, Leeds	Girls and boys	IB, IA. and III.
The Misses Gardner	Buckhurst Hill College, Essex	Girls Boys	I, II, III, IV, V and VI. I.
‡C. H. Gibbs, Esq.	134, Sloane Street. London, S.W.	Boys (preparatory).	I and II.
*Miss Goode	Avondale, Burgess Hill	Girls and boys	I, II and III.
Rev. Cecil Grant	St. George's, Harpenden	Boys and girls	II, III, IV & V.

†*The Committee take no responsibility with regard to these Schools except so far as the above statement goes; due inquiries should be made by parents. Prospectuses can be had on application to the Office.*

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Principal.	School.	Girls or Boys.	Forms working in P.U.S.
Miss Field Hall	High Cliff School, Scarborough (temporarily removed to Pateley Bridge).	Girls	IB and IA.
Mr. & Mrs. Hickson	Oldfield, Swanage, Dorset	Boys (Preparatory) Girls	 I, II, III, IV, V.
Mrs. Humfrey and Miss Loveitt	Linden, 32, Central Hill, Upper Norwood, S.E.	Girls and boys	I, II, and III.
Miss Kemp	Clydia, Perranwell Station, Cornwall	Girls	I and II.
Miss C. D. Lawe	St. Agnes, Devons Road, Babbacombe, Torquay	Girls and boys	I, II, III, and IV.
Messrs. Donald P. Macdonald and Basil Johnston	Tormore School, Upper Deal	Boys	I and II.
Miss McLaughlin	The Chantry, Mere, Wilts.	Girls	I, II, III & V.
‡The Misses Nixon	Lincroft, Petersfield, Hants.	Girls	I and II.
The Misses Nott	Felixtowe, Clifton, Bristol	Girls	I and II.
*Miss Violet Parker	Rothay, Wilbury Crescent, Hove	Girls and boys	I, II and III.
Miss Pearson and Mdlle. Cochard	Richmond House, Caterham Valley, Surrey	Girls	I and II.
*Miss Pennethorne * and Miss Wiseman	P.N.E.U. School, London Rd., Maidstone	Girls Boys	I, II, III, IV & V. I.
W. H. Prosser, Esq.	Snettisham Grange, Norfolk	Boys	I and II.
Miss Thomas	Gullivers, Eton College, Windsor.	Girls and boys	IB & IA.
*Miss Tillman and Miss Rogers	Park Terrace School, Falmouth	Girls	II and III.
*Miss Stainton	2, Glenilla Studios, Belsize Park Gardens, N.W.	Girls & boys	I & II.
‡Mrs. Underhill	Wootton Court, Wootton, Kent	Boys	I and II.
Miss Ward	27, St. John's Hill, Shrewsbury	Girls & boys	I & II.
Miss Whittall	Murrayfield, Heswall, Cheshire	Girls	I and II.

**Ex-Student of the House of Education, Ambleside.*

‡House of Education Mistress.

P.N.E.U. Literary Society. Subject for June: "Pippa Passes," Robert Browning.

P.N.E.U. Translation Society. The war interfering with the sale of foreign literature, the Hon. Secretary again suggests to the members that they should choose their own passage in some Classic for translation and send it to her fully described.

Miss C. Agnes Rooper, *Hon. Sec.*,
Pen Selwood, Gervis Road, Bournemouth.

From whom all particulars may be obtained.

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OUR WORK.

HOUSE OF EDUCATION.

INSPECTOR'S REPORT, DECEMBER, 1915.

I had the pleasure of spending two days (November 5th and 6th, 1915) at the House of Education, when I heard lessons given by each of the students of the second year, and witnessed various exercises in which they engaged. I also had the privilege of attending classes conducted for students by the members of the staff.

The happy impressions which were left on my mind at my first visit a year ago were deepened and confirmed: the students are made familiar with generous and well-tried ideas in education, and they receive instruction and practice in teaching, from which they have all, with remarkable evenness of result, profited. They bear the character of the place and of the House, distinctive and admirable. They have a natural and dignified ease with their young pupils, hold their attentive interest, and make them partners in the search for knowledge and skill of many kinds. Their own studies cover a very wide range, and they thus become acquainted, under skilful direction, with many subjects, in some of which they will, no doubt, find a permanent charm and devote themselves to more specialised work.

Learning and teaching are properly allied, and the same cheerful readiness which the students show to their pupils and win from them, they offer to their own teachers.

In the accompanying sheets I have set down marks which indicate my opinion of the performance of each student in most of the subjects in which I had specimens of her work: in regard to many of them my knowledge is very slight, and indeed the occasion of an oral test or a written paper is insufficient for a quite trustworthy verdict. Upon some subjects in which I heard the students I have not attempted a mark—e.g., German and Italian: in both languages it was evident that excellent lessons were given by the teacher, but I find that my notes could not record all that would be necessary for an exact appraisement, even if my ear were sufficiently well trained for the purpose, as I must confess it is not.

The lecture on Architecture was an exceedingly useful piece of work, and illustrates very perfectly the width of outlook and the judgment with which the studies of the House are planned. It provided the students, in a popular but thoroughly methodical way, with just the knowledge that every one ought to have, and which almost every one lacks.

The lessons on Conic Sections, a subject with which I am less familiar than the students, had the effect of teaching me much, and the students, I am sure, a great deal more. It was, indeed, a very pretty exhibition of orderly reasoning.

The lecture-lesson in French (on Fénelon) was spirited and business-like, and deserved, as it got, the vivid attention of the students.*

Miss Sumner's lesson in Art was very impressive and full of valuable suggestion, and should be useful to students in other departments of study and teaching than those usually intended by the word "Art." What was

* The students narrate lectures on literary and historic subjects, section by section, in French, so they necessarily pay "vivid attention."—ED.

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said about construction and composition has a wide application, as was made very clear.

Miss Gass's Elocution lesson was business-like and effective, and was very cleverly managed.

The instruction in Drill and in Dancing produces very delightful results for the spectator, and seems to contribute to the vigorous health which the students appear to enjoy.

The Handwork is varied and shews in many different materials originality, patience and skill. I think what impressed me most deeply was a performance by the students of *She Stoops to Conquer;* it was a brilliant interpretation, and the histrionic powers (which include a strong self-control) of the players was all the more clearly proved by the ease in which they took up their parts again, when having forgotten a few lines they were obliged to wait for a whisper—and more than a whisper from the prompter.

EXAMINATION PAPERS.

	Theory of Education.	Method of Education.	History of Education.	Total Numerical	Class.
Maximum.	100	100	100	300	
S. Bartlett	35	60	45	140	B
M. Bennett	40	50	55	145	B
J. Brooke Gwynne	60	60	35	155	B
A. P. V. Devonshire	65	70	45	180	B+
V. Fletcher	55	55	25	135	B—
A. Haggard	30	60	20	110	C
P. Hickson	50	50	15	115	C
A. Hussey	75	60	50	185	B+
P. Jameson	80	65	40	185	B+
D. Maffett	25	65	25	115	C
G. Purves	35	65	45	135	B—
J. Stoddart	40	65	30	125	B—
M. Taylor	55	70	30	155	B
H. Vince	40	55	55	150	B
F. Walker	45	45	30	120	B—
M. Wilson	35	50	40	125	B—
V. Wimbush	35	45	25	115	C

Complete List including Teaching and Reading.

	Teaching	Reading	Exam'n. Papers	General Mark
S. Bartlett	A	B+	B	B+
H. Bennett	A—	B—	B	B
J. Brooke Gwynne	A	B	B	B+
A. P V. Devonshire	A	A—	B+	A—
V. Fletcher	A—	B	B—	B+
A. Haggard	B—	B—	C	C
P. Hickson	B—	B+	C	B—
A. Hussey	A	B	B+	B+
P. Jameson	A—	B	B+	B+
D. Maffett	B+	B—	C	B—
J. Purves	A—	A—	B—	A=
J. Stoddart	B	B—	B—	B
M. Taylor	B—	B+	B	B
H. Vince	B—	B—	B	B—
F. Walker	B+	C+	B—	B—
M. Wilson	B—	B	B—	B—
V. Wimbush	A—	A—	C	B++

"The First class should include A, A— and B+; the second class B and B—; and the third C."

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FRENCH.

A— A. Devonshire, A. Hussey.
A= V. Fletcher.
B+ S. Bartlett, P. Jameson.
B M. Bennett, O. Maffett, G. Purves.
B— P. Hickson, J. Stoddart.
B= A. Haggard, M. Taylor, V. Wimbush.
C H. Vince, F. Walker.
C— M. Wilson.
D J. Brooke-Gwynne.

LATIN.

DIVISION I.

B— P. Hickson, A. Hussey.
B J. Walker.
C P. Jameson.

DIVISION II.

A— A. Haggard.
B+ V. Fletcher, G. Purves.
B— M. Bennett.

DIVISION III.

B+ J. Stoddart.
B S. Bartlett.
B— M. Taylor.
B= A. Devonshire.

(Signed) E. T. C. CAMPAGNAC,
Professor of Education, University of Liverpool.

GENERAL REPORT ON THE NATURE NOTE BOOKS.

I have carefully examined the 20 Note Books submitted to me, done by 17 students. I find very good work in nearly all of them. The work attains such a high standard, that it was only necesary to make two classes. The First Class is a very good one indeed this year: and the Second Class differs from it chiefly with respect to quantity rather than quality. In most of the Note Books the Drawings reach a very high level; this applies to several books in the Second Class. The notes are generally copies, and often of very great interest; and bear witness to the keenness and enthusiasm of the Students. I was glad to note that in many books the "Stars" have appeared again. By way of adverse criticism, I must say that in too many books there is a looseness and vagueness of expression which is a little trying. This is especially the case in the reports upon my walks with the Students. This is probably due to some extent to the large number of new objects forced upon our attention owing to the zeal and energy of the Students: and can probably be remedied by shortening our walk a little and increasing our talk in the Schoolroom afterwards.

My pleasant annual visit to Ambleside (June 14th and 17th) was rendered additionally delightful by the splendid weather which prevailed the whole time of my stay. The walks consequently were very successful, and we crowded a prodigious amount of work into the two days.

I paid my usual visit to the Students' gardens, and was quite satisfied with the work done in them, in the face of great difficulties to be overcome.

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CLASS LIST.

First Class.

Vince, H. F.
Purves, G. M.
Walker, F.
Hickson, P.
Fletcher, V.
Jameson, P.
Taylor, M.
Maffett, D.

Second Class.

Wilson, M. C.
Stoddart, J. R.
Hussey, A. A.
Bartlett, S. W.
Haggard, A.
Bennett, M.
Devonshire, A. P. V.
Wimbush, V.
Brooke Gwynne, J.

BRIEF REPORT UPON EACH NOTE BOOK.

Vince, H. F. A very nice book indeed. The Drawings are excellent; and many of the notes of great interest.

Purves, G. M. An excellent book: full of interest. The Drawings are very nice. The Bird and Flower Lists well kept.

Walker, F. A most industrious Student. The book is full of good notes and excellent Drawings.

Hickson, P. A nice book with fine, bold Drawings: and good Lists.

Fletcher, V. A good book, with charming Drawings: and interesting notes.

Jameson, P. A very nice book indeed. Shows great industry. The Drawings are good.

Taylor, M. A nice book with copious notes, and very good Drawings. The astronomical Maps are quite a feature. A few loose statements.

Maffett, D. An industrious and enthusiastic Student. The Drawings are very nice. A few loose statements. Cannot find the Bird List!

Wilson, M. C. This is a nice book, with particularly good List. There are, however, one or two considerable intervals without any notes. There are too many loose statements also.

Stoddart, J. R. The Drawings in this book are very beautiful and artistic. The notes are rather "skimpy." Some months have only one entry.

Hussey, A. A. The Drawings are nice. The notes are scarce at the commencement of the Book, but become more abundant and more interesting towards the end. There are too many vague and loose statements.

Bartlett, S. W. The Drawings are beautiful: but there are a good many intervals without notes: and some loose statements. The Lists are good.

Haggard, A. The Drawings are very nice. With regard to the notes there are some big jumps: and the Lists are not quite finished.

Bennett, M. The Drawings are good. The notes are rather "skimpy," and contain too many loose statements: but are often interesting.

Devonshire, A. P. V. The Drawings are nice. There are some big jumps in the notes, which are quite nice, as far as they go.

Wimbush, V. This book is very nice, as far as it goes: but the notes are rather few. The Drawings are very nice.

Brooke Gwynne, J. A nice book, as far as the Drawings are concerned. But there are some big blanks and too many loose statements.

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OUR WORK.

HOUSE OF EDUCATION.

House of Education.—There will be vacancies in the College at Easter at the reduced war fees.

Examiner's Report on the *Nature Note Books. Erratum*, line 7, *copies* should read *copious.*

Parents' Union School.—The examination papers will be sent out for Monday, April 3rd.

PARENTS' UNION SCHOOL.

REPORT ON EXAMINATION 73.

In presenting his report on the 73rd examination in connection with the Parents' Union School, the examiner would like first to get over the disagreeable part of noting deficiencies. What he first would like to call attention to is the serious deficiencies in spelling. This was not so much noticeable in the dictation passages as in the papers themselves. The fault noticeable in Arithmetic and Geometry was that of not showing the working. It is the process of reasoning that the examiner wishes to see more than the result. In the few propositions of Euclid which were done he observed results brought out which could not possibly have followed from the reasoning. This indicated that the theorems were not clearly understood, nor how each step led into the one which followed. Two other points to be noticed, which are common faults in examinees, are those of not writing to the point, and of not writing with discretion. The number of questions set is intended to be done in the allotted time. The time should be roughly spaced out, and the answers compressed so as to fit in. Other criticism will be offered in the more detailed reports on the work of the classes. On the more favourable side it may be said that there were comparatively few really weak papers out of the large number of sets (over seven hundred) looked through. The examiner was made to recognise that the children in general had taken an intelligent interest in their lessons, and in very few instances was it apparent that they had found them a drudgery.

CLASS IV.

The Bible Lessons were difficult, and while particular questions were well done there was not really a first class paper. This was probably due

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to an insufficient acquaintance with the Bible text. A thorough knowledge of the actual words was essential to the right answering of all the Bible questions. In Morals and Economics the Essay on Fortitude was not quite well worked out, nor was the question on the growth of the Constitution done as well as it might have been. The limits of the question were not observed. Some took later than Tudor times. There were some good answers on Greek education and on "the city of Plato's making." There was only one good composition in the metre of Locksley Hall. Some attempts had no notion of what the metre was. There was one good essay on the Balkan situation. The English Grammar questions did not produce a great number of good answers. The Literature paper was a difficult one. None had any clear understanding of "the style of Swift, or Darsie Latimer or George Warrington." The account of Clive's administration was better done than that of Lord Macaulay's estimate of Clive and Warren Hastings. There was some good work in the History paper. The weakest answers were those of question 4, little use was made of Green and the Virginians. The chronology of some pupils was defective. Wolfe was put with Washington in the war of Independence. There were some good answers to question 1 in Geography, but latitude and longitude were very imperfectly understood by many. Geology, Botany and Astronomy all produced some good answers. Some very good accounts of the sun were written, there was one very good diagram of the Constellations, and there were some good drawings of leaves and seeds. Enough has been said about the Mathematics in the preface to the report. "The hard-grained muses of the cube and square" found few ardent votaries. Of the few specimens of Latin offered perhaps the examiner's best criticism is—silence, they were so disappointing, one only being really satisfactory.

CLASS III.

What has been said of Class IV will, to a great extent, apply to Class III. The Bible lessons showed a good knowledge of facts, but the pupils were not skilful in getting out the substance of such a question as that on Samuel's farewell address, or our Lord's teaching at the Feast of Tabernacles, or the indictment of St. Paul before Festus. The latter person, too, was confused by some with Felix. In writing poetry from memory some did not attend to the scansion of the lines; and that scansion was not a strong point was shown in the Composition. Some who took the theme of Aristides or Portia wrote sheer prose, others had no notion of rhythm or uniformity. The letter from the Dardanelles was the most satisfactory piece of composition. English grammar produced a few good papers, but in general it was a weak subject, and even the parts of speech were not known in parsing. The Literature was fairly done, but only one or two understood the meaning of "Shakespeare was not for an age but for all time." The English History was rather disappointing. The contrast between the two estimates of Mary's character was not well brought out. There was some good work done in the French History. The General History was too difficult for many, but some good sketches of Wallenstein and Gustavus Adolphus were done. The ancient manuscripts were not described. The questions in Citizenship were fairly done. The Natural History was one of the best of the papers. Some admirable answers were written on the tiger and the seal. The pine tree was not so well done in general, but there were one or two first-rate answers. Some good answers were done in Geography. The scenes were not quite

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clearly enough made out upon the map. In Physical Geography not enough was made of the second question, which is one that has an important bearing on the study of history. There were some good answers in Geology, but there was some haziness as to how sound was produced in the different instruments. There were only one or two full answers on the structure of the earliest Christian Church and Gothic Cathedral. There were some good diagrams and explanations in Physiology. What has been written about Latin and Mathematics in Class IV will apply to Class III.

CLASS II.

In Bible lessons good knowledge was shown, but a comparatively small number wrote the verses from the canticles. Composition was fairly well done. There was some very good and some very poor analysis. In question 2 for IIa it was not always seen that *nouns* were asked for. Several put a *verb* alternative for *watch, print* and *rent*. There was some good work done in History, both English and French. Not quite enough was made of what Henry IV did for France. Some fair answers were given in General History and Citizenship. The Natural History paper had good answers given to it; answers to the first question were the least satisfactory. There was some good work in Geography. The Arithmetic was fairly done, so was the Geometry, but only one or two explained their work in Geometry. The labour of writing was rather much for many in this class, as children of this standard very rarely compress their answers. A brief answer in their case generally means scanty knowledge.

CLASS I.

In this class anything of the nature of a tale was usually well done. Natural History and Geography seem to have awakened interest in the children. The Number was fairly well done. In the case of one or two of the older ones in this class a little more might have been left to the child to write. It would have given the examiner a better chance of estimating their powers.

F.L.

[The Principal of the P.U.S. is sorry to notice a falling off in spelling. The children in the School generally spell very well, but this term there is a good deal of hurried and careless work, as for example when an intelligent girl in Class III spells Samuel with two "m's." This failing is probably due to a certain degree of excitement on account of the war, but such steady work has been done in other respects that the Principal hopes to see careful spelling and writing in the next examination.]

Drawing.

The second and third classes were over-ambitious in taking too much material for the study from nature of "some wild fruits in a vase." Some scholars, who arranged a simple rendering of this subject, were successful in giving a good representation of their model, with the background, and with true effect of tone all through the painting.

The greatest satisfaction from the examination papers was caused by the fourth class work in their studies of heads. There was much real purpose shown in this work and good feeling, which was evidently owing to the scholars having taken their work in earnest. This is the true spirit of work, the idle ambitions or perfunctory covering of the paper is without profit.

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The original drawings, mostly from the "Armada" poem, failed when the landscape of beacon hills was unexpressive of anything and the fires darker than the sky, but there was one very expressive rendering of night. The figure drawing in classes two and three was rather poor and purpose-less, there is little effort to show action. The subject, "A boy skating," was much better in showing action. If the scholars always drew each other at play and at work it would be a help to the original illustration. There was good and earnest work done by the first class in the subject of a man firing a gun, which was the usual rendering of the set subject, "A man with a gun." Some of this work was very successful and expressive, and almost all of it may be said to have shown what particular action was being represented, though the presentation might be grotesque.

M.L.S.

FRENCH.

IV. and IVA. La plupart des résumés sont bien faits, mais les réponses aux questions de grammaire pourraient être plus satisfaisantes.

III and IIIA. Progrès sensibles pour les résumés, mais les réponses et les exemples de grammaire, laissent beaucoup à désirer.

II. and IIA. Progrès satisfaisants.

IA. and IB. Les récitations par cœur de "l'Entente Cordiale" et des "Trois Poules" sont en général bien sues ainsi que les phrases sur les mots donnés.

M.P.

GERMAN.

This term the grammar was distinctly better known throughout the German papers, but the use of the prepositions which may govern either the accusative or the dative did not seem to be fully understood. Some of the fourth and fifth form papers showed a real grasp of idiomatic German; a few from these forms made one think the eye had not been trained, and that the writers probably spoke better than they wrote. There were a few excellent elementary papers.

M.B.P.

ITALIAN.

The Italian papers, taken as a whole, showed a great improvement, the advanced class contained one excellent paper.

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THIRTY-FOURTH PROGRAMME OF MUSIC FOR THE PARENT'S UNION SCHOOL, SUMMER TERM, 1916.

Arranged by M. B. PARKER.

SOME MUSIC BEFORE 1625.

LOWER FORMS.

VIRGINAL OR HARPSICHORD SOLOS.

John Bull (Augener, 8300 B., 2/-.)

I. *Preludium.* Notice the predominance of the Key G. major, and lack of a Key signature in this pleasant clear Prelude and in other works by Bull.

II. *The King's Hunting Jigg.* This energetic piece has been revived and frequently performed during recent years. It carries one back to the days when the Chase took a big part in Court Life.

III. *Galiardo. St. Thomas Wake.* A Galliard was a gay Italian dance tune in triple time, this one after the first statement is followed by three variations, supplied by running accompaniments in the left hand.

IV. *Courante Jewel.* This was one of the dance movements in the Old Suites. It is in four parts with a variation on each.

VOCAL MUSIC.

Some well known hymns date from many centuries ago; a few of these are Nos. 68 (13th cent.), 79 (1st tune), 2, and 226 (Tallis), 498 (Isaac, 15th-16th cent.), 223 (Orlando Gibbons), 141 (Hassler), 297 (M. Luther), 137 (Teschner), in Church Hymns, and Nos. 49, 23, 72, 86, 111, 378, 98 in Hymns Ancient and Modern.

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The National Song Book (already set for use in the Parents' Union School). *The British Grenadiers* (16th cent.), *We be three poor Mariners* (1609).

Non Nobis, Domine, by W. Byrd (Novello, 1½d.) This Canon in three parts is still sung as a Grace at certain banquets.

The music of "*O Lord, the Maker of All Things*" is attributed to Henry VIII. It seems very suitable to us at the present time, with its prayer for defence against the deceits of the enemy (Novello, 1½d.)

THE UPPER FORMS.

Virginal or Harpsichord Solos.

Orlando Gibbons (Augener, 8300 C., 2/-). 1. *Preludium.* 2. *Galliardo.* 3. *Fantazia of four Parts.* 4. *The Queenes Command.*

Orlando Gibbons, together with Byrd and Bull, published a volume of pieces for the virginals, called the *Parthenia.* This was one of the earliest engraved on and printed from copper plates. The same clarity of writing seen in Bull's works is to be found again. It was the natural result of the large part played by vocal music. If the *Queenes Command* was named after the great Queen Elizabeth it was written at a very early age. It is more likely that it was written in honour of Queen Henrietta's arrival from France.

William Byrd (Augener, 8300 A., 2/-). 1. *Sellenger's Round.* 2. *Pavana. The Earle of Salisbury.* 3. *Galiardo Secundo. Mrs. Mary Brownlo.* 4. *The Carman's Whistle.* 5. *Pavana. S. Wm. Petre.*

Byrd and Tallis were the first possessors of a curious patent originating in the reign of Queen Elizabeth. It gave them control of the sale of their own compositions and of those by others. In the language of the time, "They may rule and cause to be ruled by impression any paper to serve for printing or pricking of any songe or songes, and may sell and utter any printed bookes or papers of any songe or songes, or any bookes or queries of such rated paper imprinted." This volume contains some delightful things. *Sellenger's Round* was used as a dance tune, and leads one back to days when dancing took place on every village green.

A pavane was an old stately dance of Italian or Spanish origin, and takes us to the courts—compare the French "*Se pavaner,*" *to strut, to flaunt, to stalk proudly.*

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The Carman's Whistle is a set of variations. Up to the 16th century composers had written largely for voices, where the accompanying words provided change of idea. Now the variation-form gave unity and interest to the subjects of the compositions for the virginal or harpsichord. This is one of the best specimens of music of that time for the virginal.

Vocal Music.

1. *The National Song Book* (already set for use in the Parents' Union School). "To the Maypole haste."
2. *Laudate Pueri,* Sacred Music of the 16th century (Augener, 9169, 1/6).

This is a very beautiful and most interesting collection of unaccompanied motets and extracts from Masses, etc., by Palestrina, Orlando di Lasso and others of their school or time.

Nos. 1 and 2 are by Orlando di Lasso, the second is from one of his Penitential Psalms. These were printed in 1584, a very beautiful parchment manuscript of them, with miniatures, is in the Munich Library.

No. 10 is a verse from the Hymn, *Veni Creator Spiritus,* arranged by a Spanish composer, Victoria. It is interesting to remember that this melody had been used in a two-part composition by John Dunstable, an English composer who died in 1453.

No. 19 is a very calm clear Morning Hymn by Palestrina.

No. 24, *Adoramus te Christe,* by Paolo Agostini, an Italian, and No. 25 by the Spaniard, Victoria, also known as Vittoria, are very beautiful.

Some more Hymns in addition to those mentioned in the early part of the programme are:—No. 176, the glorious Easter Hymn by Palestrina; 104 by Orlando Gibbons, 75 from an old collection of Hymns, dated 1535, and 562 from a similar source (Church Hymns), Nos. 135, 52, and 57 in Hymns Ancient and Modern. The two chants by Tallis, Nos. 12 and 63 in The Cathedral Psalter, and the very beautiful and old Tonus Peregrinus, No. 249, are all well known.

It is a matter of common knowledge that vocal music in the forms of madrigals and canzonets, was at its height in the period with which the programme closes.

A Book of Elizabethan Love Songs (Boosey and Co., 2/6) contains some of the music of this sort ranging from 1593 to 1627, with a most interesting and humorous preface giving a very

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real insight into the lives and minds of those old musicians. It includes songs by Morley, Dowland, Campion and others. "*There is a garden in her face,*" by the last is very charming, as is also "*Fain would I change that note,*" by Tobias Hume.

SUNDAY MUSIC.

Missa Papae Marcelli, by Palestrina (Novello, 2/-).

Palestrina has given us much of the purest music which is known. This Mass dedicated to the memory of Pope Marcellus II. was instrumental in keeping music from being banished from the Church, and regained for him the favour which he had lost as a result of his marriage. He was one of those who use laws without being in the slightest degree fettered, in whose works there is a clear untrammelled beauty. It is interesting to realise that the marvellously simple, strong descending passage which we know very well in the "Amen" chorus of the Messiah was used by Palestrina in the "Amen" of the Credo of this Mass. Any who dread the length and difficulty of an unaccompanied Mass will find ample material in the *Laudate Pueri.*

In the music on this programme a few marked characteristics of earlier days are present. Works by classical composers, e.g., Beethoven and Bach, and also by modern writers like Arensky and Sgambati generally close with the tonic chord, the tonic itself being the highest and lowest note of the same. Many of the works by Bull, Byrd, Gibbons and others close with the 3rd, some with the 5th of the chord uppermost. Further, it may be noticed that many of the pieces in minor Keys finish with a major chord. This we recognise in the major Amen at the conclusion of minor hymns. Frequent clear examples of the use of the melodic minor scale in its ascending and descending form occur, both in the vocal and instrumental music, e.g., in the Elizabethan air, "*To the Maypole haste!*"

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OUR WORK.

House of Education.—There will be vacancies at Easter, and the reduced rate of fees (on account of the War) will still be in force. It is matter of regret that so many educated girls take up temporary "war work," which anybody can do and for which there are far more applicants than posts, and neglect to be trained for a profession which is of real service to the nation.

The Practising School.—There are two vacancies. Do our readers understand how complete an education (on P.N.E.U. lines) the *Practising School* affords, including excellent teaching in Music, Drawing, Dancing, Languages, as well as Hockey, Cricket, Scouting, &c.; and all included in unusually low fees?

DEAR EDITOR,—I had the pleasure of presenting the following report to the Central Executive Committee of the P.N.E.U. at their October meeting.

By the generous kindness of members of the P.N.E.U. we have been fortunate in placing several children in private houses and schools.

A, the son of a literary man, one of ten, is at Mr. —'s school. Mr. —— accepted A free of fees to educate, board and feed. A is a satisfactory boy, and came out well in athletics at the end of the summer term. When A first went to school, Mrs. —— took on herself the expense of providing him with a school outfit. A is an out-of-door, farming kind of boy.

B, a little girl, was taken in nearly a year ago by Mrs. ——, a private member of the P.N.E.U., and she goes to a P.N.E.U. school with Mrs. ——'s little daughter. B has been a success, both at the school and with her hosts. She is artistic and persevering, and it is hoped she may develop into a costume designer, or something of that kind.

We have just recently been able to find a gratis billet—living and education—for a boy, C, with Mrs. —. C is scholarly, and should do well. He has had to have his eyes attended to, and his teeth ought to be seen to. Meanwhile, we are trying to set him up with clothes, and would welcome any items of help in this direction from any members of Committee or friends.

Thanks to the kindness of Mrs. ——, during the summer holidays various members of the D family, one or two of the E family, two little Fs, and a girl and boy G (the girl already living for the past year with another of our members, Mrs. ——) enjoyed the happy life of a large country house for a fortnight each, some being invited for a second, later visit.

Mrs. —— is about to give very real help to an older girl ——, now working in one of the large stores, and denying herself a midday meal for her little brothers' and sisters' sakes—by giving her coupons on an adjacent restaurant. A practical and genuine kindness.

A friend of one of our members of Committee, the wife of a Master at

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—— School, has taken in for a long period a boy, H, one of a numerous family, their father, an artist, sorely hit by the War.

I, a sister of H, has just been accepted as a free pupil, with all found, by Miss ——, the head of a P.N.E.U. School. This again is a splendid piece of generosity. For another boy of the same family, J, we obtained hospitality both for the long summer holidays and the Easter holidays in a country Vicarage, by the kindness of our members, the Rev. and Mrs. ——. We bought him a grey suit to go to them in, out of the Half-Crown Fund, or Minor Expenses Fund, which has amounted to £11 9s. 0d., and is very useful. Out of this same fund we are able to pay for C's oculist advice and spectacles, and also for some of his clothes, and for his fare to Mrs. ——'s. Several students and Parents' Union school children have sent children's clothes of their own making which have been distributed. We have had valuable gifts of clothes for both school children and their parents from members of the Central Executive Committee and friends of theirs.

Miss ——, the head of another Parents' Union School, took in quite free of charge a girl, K, for whom also a dentist and an outfit were provided. Unhappily, K's parents proved short-sighted people who preferred to withdraw K after about two to three valuable terms—perhaps we cannot easily over-rate their value—in order to put her into something prematurely wage-earning. Two Belgian boys, the Ls, who, through the influence of the Headmaster of a Public School, our member, were accepted free by the Headmaster of another big school. are still doing well there, and the Headmaster's wife has been particularly kind in taking them in as her private guests during holidays.

A P.N.E.U. member had in her house for awhile a baby and its mother with the idea that the mother should, in return for the home, act as nurse. This scheme proved, however, a failure, through no fault of the hostess, who is, at the present moment, receiving into her house, "for the winter at least," another baby introduced by us.

A little girl, M.F, was kindly given a daily dinner by one of our members, to enable her mother to do some all day work in a hospital, and this child and her brother were among Mrs. ——'s holiday guests in the summer.

Several new applications for help for children are now reaching us. Any offers of any kind of help or hospitality from any quarter will be most gratefully received at any time. Schoolboys' clothes would be very welcome.

As a postscript to the above I should like to add to my statement concerning the Half-Crown Fund in the October PARENTS' REVIEW, as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Gratefully received from Mrs. F. C. Grant (Ottawa)	0	5	6

EXPENDED.	£	s.	d.
Boy's Grey Suit	1	5	0
Oculist and Optician ...	0	15	0
Boy's Clothing	1	2	11
Fare to School	0	3	8
Alterations to Clothing ...	0	19	0
	£3	16	7

In hand £7 12s. 5d.

Yours very sincerely,

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THE "P.R." LETTER BAG.

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DEAR EDITOR,—Will you grant me a few lines of your space in order that I may tell my kind young helpers in the postcard scheme for sending Christmas presents to children of sailors and soldiers that 572 presents were sent? Not so many as the previous year, but a very good number, all the same, and I fancy I should have been able to register more but that a certain proportion of present givers sent their presents direct to children with whom they had made friends through the scheme a year earlier.

A great deal of pleasure has been given, and it was unexpected pleasure—always the happiest pleasure of all—while, if the givers enjoyed sending their presents as much as I enjoyed sending them names of children to whom to send them, I can only say that there was a complete triangle of enjoyment—with sympathy for its connecting lines.

I have but one regret. It is this. Some of the wives of the absent men are apt to move frequently from lodging to lodging, and, in consequence, a few (only a few, but *one* would be one too many), of the parcels came back with "Not Known" written across them. If, next Christmas, we should have the scheme again, perhaps it might be well to send first a reply post card to the address given to enquire whether it were holding good.

But the great majority of presents were properly acknowledged by those to whom they were sent. The simple and charming letter I subjoin was written from a Military Hospital to one of the senders, and it will, I think, interest others to read it.

Yours, dear Editor, very sincerely,
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17, Blomfield Road, Maida Hill, London, W.

"C—— H——,
L——.

My Dear R——,

A few lines to let you know your nice present arrived safely, but I am sorry to tell you that poor dear Georgie was dead, but however his little sister Emily has claimed it, so I hope you do not mind because it has answered the purpose for which it was sent, which I know was to make some child happy this Christmas time, and now R——, I am Georgie's father who is writing this to thank you for your present and your thoughtfulness for others and I hope you shall always continue in the way you seem to have commenced, I am at present in hospital at the above address, but I am quite alright now, and I hope to be doing my share for our dear King and Country shortly, for I expect to get away from hospital in about a fortnight's time, and now wishing you and your dear father and mother and all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year, in which Mrs. —— joins, we remain yours with thanks

Mr. and Mrs. ——

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